

April 16, 2007

HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

LOCAL/ STATE BOARD FACILITIES HEARING REPORT

A Local/ State public hearing was held at the Hancock County Middle School on April 16, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Hancock County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 11-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the new plan.

There were (10) ten individuals in attendance. G. Michael Fallin, Assistant Superintendent, served as the district-appointed hearing officer. Scott Lewis, Superintendent, was present.

COMMENTS

Mr. Fallin called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan that includes: **major renovation at South Hancock Elementary, new construction of Hancock County Area Technology Center, major renovation at Hancock County High School, major renovation at Hancock County Middle School, fixed voice enhancement technology in all classrooms district-wide, major renovation at the Central Bus Garage, major renovation at the Central Office, and major renovation at the Central Maintenance facility.**

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. One person, Barbara Spindel, Principal of South Hancock Elementary School, said the school community believes the library should be located in the central area of the existing building, as opposed to a new addition. She stated she believed it would be best if a central area in the existing building was remodeled for the media center and added on to as necessary for the required square footage, and include two new classrooms in the addition to achieve the 10 classrooms required for 250 students.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Hancock County Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Hancock County Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Hancock County School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by;

G. Michael Fallin, Hearing Officer

Timothy K. Lucas, KDE Fac. Mgmt.

cc: Mark W. Ryles, Director
Planning File

Attachments: Hancock Co. School District Facility Plan